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Father Darkleaf

BY
..CALVIN ROBINSON

Appomattox is having a wonderful display of yellow flowers. Daffodils and more forsythia than I can remember seeing. I have a few daffodils but no forsythia. Some of the forsythia around town is neatly trimmed, but it looks fine even if left to grow as it pleases. And Monday morning I harvested my first tulip from the garden area, a Red Emperor. The first flowers of spring are highly prized, for after a long winter everyone is ready to get on with the new season. But gardening is still around the corner; one of the best local gardeners told me yesterday that he had not planted anything at all so far. Made me feel better for I am a habitual late planter, and there is always the possiblity of frost in mid April. Maybe Nature's April Fool prank.

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April 9 is the anniversary of Appomattox' big day in history. Appomattox has come a long way since Lee and Grant made peace here in 1865, and it is a safe prediction that even greater changes will be forthcoming in the decades ahead.

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Note pad . . . Andy Wingfield of the ACHS baseball team, is setting a fast pace, with home runs in first two games . . . an angelfood cake and some grapenut bread from Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Cawthorne added to our Easter week end . . . potting job on the center lines in and around town on highways and some streets . . . to offset the depressing need of facing inflaction and its drain on the family budget, I made a list of things I paid out in March but will not have to buy or pay for in April. May not add up to much but every bit of encouragement counts . . . April is Clean-Up Month in Pamplin. Why not everyone make April Clean-Up Month, regardless of where you live.

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Drama at the bird feeder. A tiny chick-a-dee just could not handle one of the sunflower seeds mixed in with the wildbird seed I provide. He became very, very mad with himself and perched on the window sill and sharpened his beak and then sharpened some more and finally ripped open the large seed and got the kernel within. Seemed downright proud of himself, too.

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Trout fishing season is under way in western Virginia and literally tens of thousands of sportsmen are in their glory. Fresh water fishing is not on my list, although as a boy I used to drop the hook in the Rapidan River. Appomattox County has many farm ponds and I guess they will provide some fishing soon.

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Could be that the first lawnmowing is for the purpose of discouraging wild onions, always off to an early start. I am giving myself two weeks before seeing if'n my mower will start.

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Well big league baseball is starting up, early as 'tis. As usual I will be a New York Yankee fan, but the races will be close this year. LA Dodgers are a favorite in the National League. Question . . . has there ever been a no-hit game in a season opener? Yes, Bob Feller did it for Cleveland.

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April dates . . . George Washington was inaugurated as our first President on April 30, 1789. Casey Jones, the famed railroad engineer, died April 30, 1900.

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Quote . . . Joe McCarthy, famous baseball manager, is reported to have said, "I will not have pipe-smokers on my team. A pipe-smoker is a contented man." Thanks, Joe, and on that I will sign-off and light my pipe. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Friends of Library To Conduct Membership Drive

The Friends of the Appomattox County Library, organized November 1975, are conducting a drive for additional members.

If interested in joining, please contact Mrs. Eleanor McWilliams at 352-5402 or join by paying dues at the Library on Church Street off Route 460. The Library is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dues are $1.00 for students; $2.00 for individuals; $3.00 family; $5.00 for organizations; $25.00 for Contributing; and $100.00 for Life Memberships.

The Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to encourage understanding and appreciation of the work of the County Library; to build a greater realization of the importance of the library to the future development of the community; to attract bequests and gifts and other appropriate materials for the library's collection and use; to serve as a medium through which others may become acquainted with and share enthusiasm for books and to support the freedom to read as expressed in the American Library Association Bill of Rights.

Students of the high school Art Class of Mrs. Richardson will participate in a poster contest depicting National Library Week and a prize of $5.00 will be awarded by the Friends for the best poster. The posters will be displayed in various business places about town.

At present the library is under the jurisdiciton of the Appomattox County School Board and it is maintained under the School Board budget. It is hoped that in the near future a Public Library Board directed by the County Board of Supervisors will be established such as other counties in the State have and then it could receive much needed funding from the State Library Association, according to Mrs. Mary Jane Hoffman, Chairman of Publicity for the Friends of the Library. Additional funding would permit the services of a full time librarian. At the present time the library is serviced by a certified librarian two days a week and the rest of the time by a Clerk Assistant. Additional funds would also allow the library to be open Saturdays and evenings and

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School Board To Meet April 13

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Thursday, April 13, 1978, at 7 p.m. Items on the agenda include the following: 1) consideration of a report from a special textbook adoption committee, 2) report on results of mathematics tests administered to 9th grade students at Appomattox County High School, 3) reports on actions of the 1978 General Assembly related to public education, 4) report on participation of classified employees in the Virginia Supplemental Retirement System, 5) consideration of a school division calendar for 1978-79, 6) review of school board insurance policies, 7) attendance report and 8) financial report.

Local Leukemia Volunteers Request True Facts

By Eugene B. Flanegan
Executive Director
Leukemia Society of America
The Virginia Chapter

The Virginia Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America, covers the entire Commonwealth. It covers every city, every town, every county, every hamlet, across all of Virginia. It provides patient-aid services to victims of Leukemia in all areas of the State. It has now, in Appomattox and in all the counties of that region, as well as throughout all other regions of Virginia, from the Atlantic Coast to the coal fields, and from Winchester to the North Carolina line.

All funds collected by the Leukemia Society of America are delegated to research projects, patient-aid operations, and professional and lay education. The Leukemia Society works exclusively with Leukemia and its victims, and has no other areas of endeavor to maintain.

All Leukemia funds are audited regularly, as are those of all the better health groups in this country. A great percentage of all its funds remain in local regions for patient-aid activities, as is the case in the Appomattox region.

Leukemia takes the lives of more children than any other disease, yet kills more adults than children. We need all the help we can get.

The above facts are presented merely to keep these matters in true perspective. Obviously, the true facts must be presented, not guess-work or assumptions.

This Society trememdously appreciates all the help we have obtained in the Appomattox region on the part of our many volunteers and those who donate so graciously to the Leukemia Fund.

Scout Fund Drive Hits 70%

Lloyd Walton & Watkins Abbitt report that the Scout Fund Drive being conducted by the Appomattox Lions Club to support the local Blue Ridge Mountains Council has reached 71.2 percent of the goal. $1,568.15 has been secured to date on a $2,200 goal. The Lions hope to complete the drive by April 7. Horace Coleman reports that the Pamplin Drive is under way and that the Pamplin Ruritan Club hopes to reach their $300.00 goal by April 7.

Ideas Needed For Conservation Programs

"Is your tax dollar is conservation and environmental improvement being spent wisely? This is one of the questions to be asked soon of Virginians," said David N. Grimwood, State Conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Virginia.

The SCS will administer the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977. Grimwood says his agency will be working with 42 local soil and water conservation districts (SWCD's), and other state and federal agencies in Virginia. They will actively seek public participation in appraising natural resources and in developing conservation programs to improve them.

Grimwood explained, "Under the new law, SCS will appraise the soil, water, and related resources; develop a comprehensive 5-year conservation program; and evaluate the effectiveness of established conservation programs. Your ideas are important to us; we

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American Red Cross Fund Drive April 6 - April 28

Lloyd Walton, chairman of the Appomattox County Red Cross Fund Drive, announced this week that the campaign will begin Thursday, April 6 through April 28. During this time persons serving on the fund drive committee will be making contacts with businesses and individuals throughout the county to task for their support of the Red Cross.

Persons serving on the fund drive committee and the areas for which they are responsible are as follows: businesses in the town of Appomattox and surrounding areas, Mrs. Peggy Lawson; Falling River Acres and Walton Place, Laurie Cowan, Cheryl Walton and Laura Walton; Pamplin area, Mrs. Aileen Harvey; residential sections of town of Appomattox, Mrs. Peggy Marshall; churches, Rev. R. Q. Lawing; Falling River Country Club, Mrs. Gordon Bragg; Evergreen area, Mrs. Fannie Farrar; Spout Spring, Mrs. Georgia Fleshman; Vera area, Mrs. Ruth Drinkard; solitations from customers at businesses of Wilburs and Kings, 4-H Teen Leader Club under direction of Mr. Frank Sweet; Route 26 from Appomattox to Oakville and area around Bible Baptist Church, Rev. Ernie Lucas; residential developments surrounding the town of Appomattox, Mrs. Gayle Williams; Oakville, Mt. Comfort and Trinity areas, Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr.; Police Tower Road, Mrs. C. L. Wilson; Route 727 from Appomattox to Red House, Mr. William A. Hunter; Bent Creek and Maple Grove area, Mrs. R. H. McFadden; Appomattox Historical Park area and Route 656, Mrs. J. A. Mathews; Liberty Chapel area, Mrs. L. C. Reynolds. These persons will not be making all of the solicitations, but will have many other persons assisting.

It is impossible to cover all areas of the county. Therefore, persons who wish to contribute by mail may send a check to Red Cross, Appomattox, Virginia 24522.

Why give to the Red Cross Fund Campaign? The organization participates in many programs of service to mankind. One very important service to Appomattox county citizens is the blood program. Support of the Red Cross means that blood will be availabe in time of need. Your financial contribution is needed if the goal of $1600 for Appomattox County is achieved.

White Cane Days - April 7-8

Local Lions, along with many others from clubs throughout South Central Virginia, will conduct their annual fund raising WHITE CANE DAYS sale on April 7 and 8. Making final plans for the two-day fund drive, shown above from left to right, are J. Franklin Vaughan, Gerald Wilbun, and Robert W. Carter, General Chairman.

The local Lions have a goal of at least $1300, proceeds will be going to support sight conservation and restoration programs locally and to provide financial assistance to the Old Dominion Eye Bank & Research, Inc., a Lions sponsored non-profit organization.

Members of the local Lions Club will be at eight stations on April 7. From 3 to 6 p.m. members will be on Main Street, downtown; Wilbun's Supermarket; and at Revco Drug, Whites Auto and Sears Store, at the ABC Store, Kings and Ben Franklin Store at Triangle Plaza Shopping Center from 3 to 9 p.m. They will be at the same locations, except downtown, on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

When you make a donation to the White Cane Days fund drive you will receive in return a little white cane, symbol of the sightless, to stick in your lapel.

Members of the Lions Club will also have available eye donor cards for anyone wishing to pledge their eyes on death to the eye bank for sight restoring purposes.

Help your Lions help the blind. Get your White Cane from any member of the Appomattox Lions Club . . . and make a generous donation.

April 10-22 Set For Spring Clean-Up

April 10th through April 22nd has been designated as Spring Clean-Up Weeks in the Town of Appomattox by Mayor Henry Pack and members of the Appomattox Town Council.

These dates are in conjunction with Keep Virginia Beautiful Weeks as proclaimed by Governor John N. Dalton. In ceremonies held at the Governor's Office March 15th, the Governor issued the following proclamation: "By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized: **KEEP VIRGINIA BEAUTIFUL WEEKS 1978.**

"Virginia is blessed with a rich natural beauty which is one of our most cherished heritages, but sometimes the beauty is marred by thoughtless littering.

"Under the direction of the Keep Virginia Beautiifl organization, our people have pioneered in active programs to combat litter, and their efforts have brought repeated national recognition to the Commonwealth.

"The period April 10-22, just prior to Historic Garden Week, has been designated as Keep Virginia Beautiful Weeks for 1978. I urge all citizens, businesses, industries, organizations and governmental agencies to unite in an intensified program to combat litter during this period, thereby preserving and enhancing the natural splendor of our state. John N. Dalton, Governor."

Citizens of the Town of Appomattox may call for special pick-up of trash, brush and debris during this two-week period. Citizens are requested to cut up brush into four or five foot lengths so that it can be handled by town forces and that all rubbish be at the street line so that heavy trucks will not have to go onto private property.

Appomattox is a growing town - let's keep it a clean and beautiful town.

IN OBSERVANCE OF ITS 59th BIRTHDAY, American Legion Post 104, Appomattox,held a dinner meeting on March 29 at the American Legion Building.

World War I veterans attending the dinner meeting, seated, left to right, were George W. Wooldridge, L. P. Ingo, J. A. Griggs and J. P. Harvey, Sr. Standing, left to right, are Dr. W. P. Geisler; J. Ray Edmundson, Jr. of Colonial Heights, Commander of the Virginia American Legion; and Bob Johnson of Lynchburg, 10th District Commander.

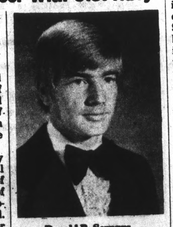
Plans Medical Career With U.S. Navy

Donald R. Scruggs, a senior at Appomattox County High School, plans a medical career with the United States Navy after graduation.

Donald, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner D. Scruggs of Appomattox, joined the United States Navy in December 1977 on the Delayed Entry Program and has been assigned to the Naval Hospital Corp.

He has always been very interested in the medical profession and gained many of his skills and knowledge of medicine through the Appomattox County Rescue Squad. Donald has been a Junior Member of the local rescue squad for two years and holds a CPR Instructor's Card and an Instructor's card in Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care.

Through the Delayed Entry Program, Donald has worked hard and already earned his first stripe and E-2 pay when he leaves for his basic training at



Donald R. Scruggs

Orlando, Florida on September 12, 1978. After basic training, Donald will be sent to San Diago, California for his schooling.

Donald, we are proud of you and your decision for a career in the Navy. Good luck and happy sailing!

2-Day Extension Added To Tax Filing

Good news for taxpayers. Two extra days have been added to the income tax season and the IRS reports that the average amount refunded this year is $483.40, up $17.32 from a year ago.

The two-day extension beyond the traditional April 15 filing deadline was granted, not by a last minute act of Congress, but rather by the calendar, which places April 15 on Saturday this year. When the filing deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, it is, by law, extended through the next working day, or in this case, through Monday, April 17.

Apparently many of America's taxpayers are planning to take advantage of this extra time to complete income tax returns, since, according to IRS figures, as of March 3, 15.97 percent fewer of the longer form 1040s had been filed than at the same time a year ago.

However, those persons filing 1040A short forms were showing a tendency to file earlier than last year, with 1040As running 13 percent above last year's figures.

With the changes in the tax law effective this year, taxpayers may erroneously lean toward filing 1040A forms, but those who do should review the longer form also to be certain they are taking advantage of every possibly legitimate tax deduction, according to H & R Block.

For instance, those taxpayers who elect to use the short form cannot possibly take advantage of deductions for medical costs, real estate taxes, mortgage interest or charitable contributions. Taxpayers who qualify to claim these deductions can even deduct the cost of having last year's income tax returns prepared.

Many taxpayers have no choice, with the federal tax code requiring taxpayers to file the 1040 long form if their income from either interest or dividends totals more than $400, or if they are single and have tax table income exceeding $20,000 or if they are a married couple filing jointly, with income in excess of $40,000. Also, if a husband or wife files a separate return and itemizes deductions, the spouse must use the long form also.

A taxpayer who has the option of using either the long or short form should figure his taxes using both forms,& file the long form if it saves him money.

The IRS predicts that 88,200,000 federal income tax returns will be filed this tax filing season. Since only 36,900,000 were filed as of March 3, it is anticipated that some 51 million taxpayers will be completing their income tax returns these last few days.

In order to handle the surge expected. H & R Block, the income tax preparation firm

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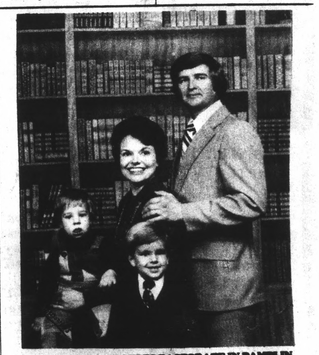

DR. TRIMYER ACCEPTS PASTORATE IN PAMPLIN

The Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin City has recently called Dr. William L. Trimyer as its new pastor. The new minister is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. He is married to the former Patricia Ferguson of Appomattox. The couple have two sons, Brian and Brandon.

Mrs. Trimyer attended Bluefield College where she met Mr. Trimyer. Mrs. Trimyer has been actively involved in the Northside Garden Club in Richmond. She is currently classified as a student judge while persuing her coursework towards certification as a judge. Mrs. Trimyer was an instructor for Diet Workshop and active in the Christian Women's Club while living in Richmond.

Dr. Trimyer completed his undergraduate work at Bluefield and Georgetown colleges. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, as well as the Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Seminary in Richmond.

He has had extensive training in the field of pastoral care and crisis ministry. He spent a year and a half in a Clinical Pastoral Education program at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. During that time he worked especially close with cancer patients and the critically ill in numerous intensive care units within the hospital. Part of his training there focused on ministry to persons with drinking problems.

Dr. Trimyer has published articles in several periodicals of Southern Baptist literature. In conjunction with another Richmond minister, he has written a book, Colors of the Mind, to be released this month.

Dr. Trimyer was selected by the Richmond Jaycee's as one of the Outstanding Young Men in 1976. He is also an active member in the Academy of Parish Clergy.

We welcome Dr. Trimyer and his family to our community.

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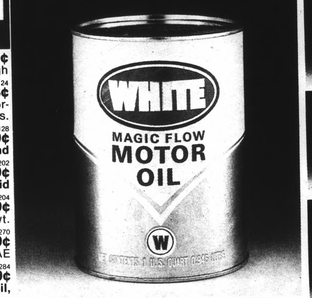

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